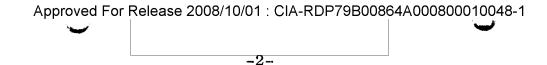
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A 20 April conference sponsored by the Council of Ministers called for increased irrigation and criticized local leaders who are not taking efficient measures to improve the irrigation work. On 11 April, however, the



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director of Bulgaria's "irrigation systems" reported in the press that this spring's drought together with insufficient rain and snow last autumn and winter have left the country's dams in short supply and unable to fulfill the irrigation plan. Bulgaria's great drought period usually occurs in June and July and inadequate water for irrigation will have serious effects on the harvest.

Bulgaria has enjoyed two bumper crops in 1966-67 which have reduced the pressure to implement new economic reforms and systems of management. A poor harvest would probably stimulate a rethink among Sofia's top leadership.

Yugoslav Cotton Delegation Upset with US Reception

A Yugoslav delegation has registered its disappointment over its recent trip to the US to buy American cotton under CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation) credit arrangements.

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High prices, the lack of seller quotations, and the unbusinesslike attitude of US suppliers left the delegation with an unpleasant and unfavorable impression,

The delegation did buy \$5.4 million

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in cotton to satisfy Yugoslavia's ususal marketing requirements under the last PL-480 agreement, but because of difficulties encountered purchasing US cotton, the delegation

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went immediately to Moscow to discuss further purchases of Soviet cotton.

This report is a sudden departure from the usual laudatory comments made by Yugoslav trade delegations concerning their reception in the US. While the full details concerning the cotton-buying delegation's trip are not known, their reaction may in part represent the growing sophistication and shrewdness of Yugoslav importers who are increasingly seeking out the best conditions and prices available.

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French Increase Contacts with Croats and Slovenes

The French have opened a commerical office in Zagreb and a reading room in Ljubljana, as part of an effort to increase political, economic and cultural exchanges with Croatia and Slovenia.

Belgrade probably hopes that these moves presage efforts to reduce Yugoslavia's large trade imbalance with France. Paris apparently feels further avenues for cultural and economic improvement between the two countries lie open in Yugoslavia's two industrialized Western republics.

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